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SUMMARY: KUKHAR HAS PRESENTED SOVIET-SUGGESTED SCHEDULE FOR MCCOUBREY DEL (16 MAY - 3 JUNE) AND INDICATED THAT DELEGATION VISIT MUST BE ON SENDING-SIDE PAYS BASIS. SOVIET SCHEDULE ELIMINATES SVERDLOVSK AND VNIIOFI, BUT INCLUDES INSTITUTE OF SPECTROSCOPY AT KASNAYA PACHRA. SOVIETS NEED US RESPONSE BY 5 MAY. END SUMMARY.

1. IN 30 APRIL MEETING AT GOSSTANDAR, KUKHAR PRESENTED SOVIETS SUGGESTED SCHEDULE FOR MCCOUBREY VISIT. KUKHAR SAID THAT SOVIETS HAD ENVISAGED VISIT OF ABOUT ONE WEEK'S DURATION, BUT WERE OFFERING THIS LONG SCHEDULE IN RESPONSE TO AMBLER'S TELEGRAM OF 24 APRIL (SEE PARA 8).

2. KUKHAR SAID THAT GOSSTANDARD HAD COMPARED US-REQUESTED ITINERARY (REFTEL C) WITH AGREED PROGRAM OF COOPERATION AND FOUND THAT THEY "DIDN'T COINCIDE." IN RESPONSE TO AMBLER'S TELEGRAM, THEY HAVE PREPARED A SCHEDULE (SEE PARA 7) WHICH DOES NOT INCLUDE SVERDLOVSK (VNIIM: "IMPOSSIBLE NOW: NOT USEFUL FOR USDEL TO VISIT; UNCLASSIFIED

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ACADEMY INSTITUTE NOT IN PROGRAM, NBS CAN MAKE REQUEST OF

ACADEMY DIRECTLY.") OR VNIIOFI (INSTITUTE DISORGANIZED, SPREAD AMONG SEVERAL BUILDINGS; "TKACHENKO SAID IT'S NOT OF CURRENT INTEREST, AND LATER MAY BE INVOLVED, BUT NOT FOR TIME BEING.")

3. KUKHAR SAID THE BOYTSEV IN THE FALL HAD AGREED "IN PRINCIPLE" THAT RECEIVING-SIDE-PAYS IS A GOOD IDEA, BUT GOSSTANDARD MUST WAIT UNTIL THIS PRINCIPLE IS ESTABLISHED FORMALLY BY PROTOCOL BY THE JOINT COMMITTEE, " AS IT HAS BEEN WITH GOSSTANDART'S AGREEMENTS WITH FRANCE AND OTHER COUNTRIES." KUKHAR SAID THAT HIS BUDGET SITUATION IS CURRENTLY SUCH THAT HE CANNOT SUPPORT, ON A RECEIVING-SIDE-PAYS BASIS, THE USDEL. HE STRESSED THAT RECEIVING-SIDE-PAYS BASIS IS, FOR GOSSTANDARD, FAR MORE CONVENIENT, BUT NOTED THAT IT MUST BE FORMALLY AGREED.

4. KUKHAR SAID THAT NAME OF "FIFTH DELEGATE" NEEDED FOR HOTEL RESERVATION AND VISA SUPPORT (FYI. SOVIET-SUGGESTED SCHEDULE CORRESPONDS TO VISIT OF ERDA ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR, AS WELL AS ABSENCE OF SCICOUNS TO SCIENCE CONFERENCE IN WASHINGTON. SCIENCE OFFICER PARTICIPATION WILL THEREFORE LIKELY BE LIMITED TO MOSCOW AND ENVIRONS).

5. SOVIETS WISH TO KNOW HOW LONG PHELPS PLANS TO STAY IN LENINGRAD (SCHEDULED TO SPEAK THERE 17 MAY; THEY COMMENTED THAT ONE-DAY ABSENCE WAS REASONABLE AND CERTAINLY WORKABLE, BUT THAT THREE-DAY ABSENCE WOULD BE VERY DIFFICULT.)

6. KUKHAR CONCLUDED BY NOTING THAT PROBLEMS MAY ARISE WITH ACADEMY INSTITUTES, SINCE IT IS THEIR DECISION WHETHER TO RECEIVE DELEGATIONS, AND THEY COULD HAVE PROBLEMS WITH CONFLICTING DELS, ETC.

7. PROGRAM FOLLOWS (INSTITUTE OF SPECTROSCOPY IS NOT INCLUDED; SUKHANOVA NOTED THAT CONFIRMATION" HAD JUST BEEN RECEIVED" THAT MORNING).

16 MAY, SUNDAY - ARRIVAL IN MOSCOW, SETTling INTO HOTEL, REST.

17 MAY, MONDAY - 1000-1100 - MEETING WITH DIRECTORSHIP OF GOSSTANDART.

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1100-1300 VISIT TO THE EXHIBITION OF METROLOGY AT GOSSTANDART
1300-1500 LUNCH
1500-1700 MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP
1700-1830 VISIT TO GIVTS.

18 MAY, TUESDAY - 1000 VISIT TO VNIIMS, CONTINUATION OF WORKING-GROUP MEETING.

EVENING. FLIGHT TO NOVOSIBIRSK.

19-20 MAY, WEDNESDAY-THURSDAY - VISIT OF CITY OF NOVOSIBIRSK.

20 MAY EVENING - FLIGHT TO TASHKENT.

21-22 MAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY - VISITS TO TASHKENT, SAMARKAND,
AND BUKHARA

22 MAY EVENING. FLIGHT TO TBILISI

23-24 MAY SUNDAY, MONDAY - VISIT TBILISI

24 MAY EVENING. FLIGHT TO KIEV

25-26 MAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY. VISIT OF THE UKRAINIAN REPUBLIC'S
CENTER OF METROLOGY AND STANDARDIZATION AND PATON INSTITUTE.

26 MAY. EVENING - FLIGHT TO LENINGRAD

27/30 MAY THURSDAY-SUNDAY. VISIT LENINGRAD

30 MAY EVENING. FLIGHT TO MOSCOW

31 MAY MONDAY - 1000 VISIT KURCHATOV INSTITUTE

1500 CONTINUATION OF WORKING GROUP MEETING

1 JUNE, TUESDAY, VISIT VNIIFTRI

2 JUNE, WEDNESDAY - FINAL SESSION OF WORKING GROUP, SIGNING OF
"PROTOCOL." VISIT MOSCOW

3. JUNE, THURSDAY - FLIGHT TO US.
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8. KUKHAR SAID THAT GOSSTANDARD MUST HAVE RESPONSE ON SUGGESTED
SCHEDULE BY 5 MAY. PLEASE PROVIDE VIA OFFICIAL CABLE, AND REPEAT
FOR EMBASSY TEXT OF 24 APRIL CABLE SENT DIRECTLY TO
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